GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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ORGANIC BIO FERTILISER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up some more organic and bio-fertiliser plants in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the existing fertiliser plants in the State;

(c) the details of total production of fertiliser in the State during the last five years;

(d) the measures taken by the Government to develop fertiliser units in Tamil Nadu;

(e) whether the Government have constituted a committee to look into the quality and quantity of fertilisers in the country;

(f) if so, the composition of the committee; and

(g) the functions undertaken by the Committee, area-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): Government have released funds to the following Bio-fertiliser producing plants set up in the State of Tamil Nadu under the scheme `National Project on Development & Use of Bio-fertilisers`.

Name of Unit	Capacity (MT)	Fund released (Rs.in Lakhs)	Fund Utilised (Rs.in Lakhs)	Year
Department of Agriculture, Kudumiamalia	75	13.00	13.00	1990-91
Department of Agriculture, Salem	75	13.00	13.00	1989-90
Eswin Advanced Technologies Ltd., Chennai	150	10.00	10.00	1998-99
MFL, Chennai	75	13.00	13.00	1989-90
Seema Cotton Dev. Res. Ass, Coimbatore	75	13.00	13.00	1992-93
Southern Petro-Chemicals Ltd, Chennai	75	13.00	13.00	1991-92
T. Stanes & Chemicals Ltd., Coimbatore	75	13.00	13.0	1991-92

There is no proposal to give grants to set up bio-fertiliser producing units under the scheme in Tamil Nadu during the remaining period of 9th Plan.

For preparation and promotion of urban compost as manure, grants were given to the various municipalities during 1993-94 to 1996-97 @ Rs. 20.00 lakhs per municipality under the centrally sponsored scheme `Balanced & Integrated Use of Fertilizers` .Under this scheme, grants amounting to Rs. 90.20 lakhs have been given to 6 units in Tamil Nadu during 8th Plan. No grant has been given to Units in Tamil Nadu under this Scheme in the 9th Plan till 1999-2000.

Estimated production of biofertiliser in the State of Tamil Nadu during last 5 years is as under:-

Year	Tonnes
1995-96	1004.0

1996-97	1924.0
1997-98	1671.0
1998-99	1863.0
1999-2000	1409.0

(e) No specific Committee to look into the quality of such fertilizers in the country has been set up by the Government

(f) & (g): Do not arise